NYE GAVE HER IDEAS to have her picture taken.

He Writes Plum Why He Was Anxious to See Victoria.

GETS POINTERS ON ROYALTY

The Humorist Was Generous and Gave Her Majesty Some Ideas of His Own.

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Mr. Plum Levi (colored), Hair Pomping, Shampooing, Shaving Without Pain Down Stairs on Patton Avenue. A

Dan Size—I promised you when leaving the shores of America and the richly superisoned forests of Bunoombe county, as the gay hillows of color rolled up the smoky canyons of the Blue Ridge, that I would write you from London and tell you how times are here, especially in the barb line. stally in the barb line.

As a matter of fact I should have writ-As a matter of fact I should have written to you before, but I've been so much taken up with gayety, and my English friends have been so constant in their kindness and hospitality; that I have neglisted my correspondence or turned it over to my vales, Clarence, a man who has acquired so much ignorance in 55 years that he is almost a phenomenon.

As you know, Plum, my principal business here is to consult her imperial majesty the queen regarding the best style of furnishing my house at Buck It was completed over a year Seven or eight times I have had it ploted again. My contractor began on the house, forgetting that he had a contract overring the same time for an alcoholic carnival. He told me that be could turn my house over to a subcontractor, but the alcoholic turnveresa was something that he would have to look after personally. So he turned the house over to a subcontractor. Anyway be turned it over to some one, for it was wrong sale up when I moved into it.

Well, now I am looking over St. James' palace, Buckingham palace, Windsor, Hampton court, Balmoral, eta, to get ideas and suggestions, which, with my delicate and artistic natural taste, will aid me, Plum, in fitting up my knows as it should be.

The queen is away, but Albert Edward is here and says anything he can do will



through Buckingham palace day before yeaterday. He said, "We are all torn up here," and as he did so he drew my attention to the view out at the window as he stepped on a cockroach and ground it into the rich carpet.

The style with which the house is furnished is rather a mixture of the Byzantime and San Francisco styles-quiet, vet rich. The stairsteps are wide enough for a tours to drive up, and the palace itself is rather low and flat, but the lion and unscorn may be noticed on the batthements engaged in an animated conversation. The lion and unicorn may be seen over half the shop entrances in London, with the announcement that the merchant or tradesman there is, by special appointment, fishmonger or plumber to her most gracious majesty the queen of Great Britain and empress of Incita.

Oue tradesman en Old Bend street deals in nothing but elophant guns, and assessmess that he is by special appointment elephant guemaker to her most gramous majesty the queen of Great Britain and empress of India, by the grace of God.

Another man, a tailor, who makes nothing but fice trousers, has the audaofty-but we will let that pass.

Laiways look carefully over the door before I go in to buy, and trade only where the proprietor is entirely unfettered I do not want a suit of clothes started and half made perhaps, only to be tossed actio, while Albert Edward has shees with made against Saturday evening. Moreuver I do not like the fit of Athert's ciction very well, and I am a little fussy about my raiment.

The prince is not a well man. For some time his life has been far more uneartight than that of his mother. His of link." beard is rapidly whitening, and his morry gladsome gambols as a young man are beginning to tell on him now. Few tainle be will got a crack at the throne.

and he himself is falling into melancholy. He axys: "Of course I ary se fond of morner as anybody could be, but some timus I titiak that both she and Dilli-Godsons are raining longerity into the ground That, of course," he added, se he stopped to inquire the price of a pertable backura, "is entirely between \$2500 CHIEF DAY

This com session occurred on Oxford street, where he had mentioned the fact that he thought some of coming to America next summer "that is," he added hitterly, "If mother decides to run her roign into stern by

His porcious of a portable bathtub would seem to indicate that he hoped to TICK AMEDICA SOUR

I give here a cupy of photograph of her majority the queen and his highwest Prince Manches of Euthenburg. Bett, se they call him, was powerful wiggly.

the day was but, and her majory told me that it was a poor picture all around. for she loss promined to mak down and get the property or some sa presible, for had ade been process at our terminalizary teft off in the mobile of a letter to time solice regarding the cuttings up in the

way of curling up all his toes in a scratic form of government. paper, and intended to brung it to while being photographed, but away and left it on the dining



she says, however, and even with a hatpin through it the fool thing falls off, even

There is a sort of assembly room at Buckingham palace which I caught my-self every little while calling "the other room," thus giving myself plumb away and showing that our own castle only had two rooms-vis, the kitchen and "the other room." This assembly room, as her most gracious majesty calls it, I presume is where she meets the members of the assembly or legislature of London on certaindays.

I presumed to tell her most gracious majesty that I would, if it were mine, paper it with a pale green shade of paper, sprinkled with silver sprays of lilies of the valley. Also, that I would take out the whole front of the house, including the stone lion and unicorn, and put in a plate glass front. "Then," says I, "you will not go groping about here in this dim religious light, resting anon upon a hair cloth covered throne or passing among royal purple or scarlet typhoid hangings, rich in royal microbes of for-

"Come into the garden, Maud," says I, with a ringing laugh. "Get more sunshine if you have to send to Kentucky for it. Allow the breezes to blow into this old stone foundry, and you can easily plant Albert Edward ere the scepter of England shall ornament his umbrella stand at home.'

I thought a look of pain seemed to come over the face of the good queen, and pretty soon there was one came over my own face also. I found myself among the other plumbers and carpet beaters to the queen, and a large, muscular equerry or yelper to the royal hounds was just going away with my collar and cravat in his hands. One certainly feels a kind of restraint

America even our servants speak up as freely as the flowers of May. You asked me, Plum, how the barbing business is here, with an idea no doubt of coming here and opening up a shop, but I would not encourage you in doing so. Bosides you would be lonely. I only saw two coloted men outside of a very decayed minstrel show in the two

months and over that I have been here.

here that he does not in America. In

One of them was standing in front of a public. A public, Plum, is a place where you can get "a mug of bitter," or "a mug of mild and Burton," or "a thrippence of gin." or "a sixpence of Scotch," or a pint of Bass, but the guileless American who eats a sandwich with his nip will pay for it at a high rate or find himself in the hands of the police. I never saw such a place. The "free lunch" may only be found where the Americans are very plentiful, and in places connected with the hotels where

I met this colored man in front of a place called the Red Cow. In Dakota it would have been called the Yaller Dog.

the Yankee abides.



The colored man was about 60 years of age and poor. His hair was gray, and his teen just able to be out that day for

the first time. I had been lonely all the morning, for I pined for home a little, and the sight of an old colored man came to me like the oder of the magnelia and the azalea. "Uncle," says I, "you seem to be out

Bog pawdon, sah." "I say you seem down on your Inckent of maps up a stump; stranded; proped, as the navigators say; wrecked;

Well, I am rawther on me oars, as the sayin his. I've done nothink for a year but 'choic absout or ait on me 'unkers and go 'magry, sah."

I was thunderstruck. He had got the meladious English accent so sought after by the well to do young American who sleeps in the bay mow at night with his English groom in order to learn the stud English of the Derby stables.

"Ob, now, that's enough of that, uncle," says I: "drop it. Talk plantation and you'll be rewarded, but when you put on frille you lose my infraence. When did you leave Georgia, Uncie.

Beggin your honah's pahdon, sah, I was never in Georgia, sah, and I never talked anywy but the wy I am a-talkin of. I was born in Calcutta, sah, and den't use the cawse Hinglish of the Hafrican Hamerican. I'm a gentleman, sah, from Hindis, sah,"

It was a fact. "Hiere," said L. "Gentlemen from Hisdia, 'ere is a arf a crown. Buy a gunnymck, gentleman from Hindle, to do up your little toes in. I hate to see them

Yesterday I dressed in a complete Pio-alilly outfit, book an umbrella and ghted a black pipe that had the sauffica. "Now," I said to my self. "I'll see for an on if I can be an American insog." My gioves were large and consturtable. One of them I wore, and one I carried in my hand. They were a slate color, and my shoes were broad and liberal. My tronsers were turned up and sewed that way, and I turned to the left

stepped into a store on Air street and looked at them. I did not say a word.

The clark came to me at once. "Would you like to look at a rug? We have quite a variety. This way, sir. Something now, light and soft, sir. They are

thing new, light and soft, sir. They are very popular this autumn, especially among your countrymen. We have sold hundreds of them to Americans."

"I will take this one and no questions asked," said I, "if you will tell me how you pick out an American in English dress who has not opened his mouth."

"Well air " said he with avoident are." "Well, sir," said he, with evident em-

barrassment, "you see, sir, it's your guit. An Englishman walks as if he were after the doctor, sir. The American walks as if he were going to the station to meet his mother-in-law." And that is a fact.

P. S.-Let us strive to learn something wherever we are. Then we will gradually know more by acquiring this knowl-



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